

## The Brady Brief - Restoring Unemployment Benefits

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Last week, the House passed urgently-needed legislation to extend unemployment benefits for millions of American families — a proven boost to the economy and a much-needed lifeline for Americans looking for work in a tough economy. Almost 2 million people, with over 120,000 Pennsylvanians among them, have lost their unemployment benefits since the expiration of assistance for the long-term unemployed in May.

This current lapse in unemployment benefits is unprecedented and unconscionable. Since 1959, the government has never allowed extended unemployment benefits to expire when the national unemployment rate is still above 7.2 percent. The current rate stands at 9.7 percent.

I believe we must do all we can to help our struggling families, especially in light of this poor economic climate. That is why I voted for H.R. 5618, the Restoration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act. The following are the major provisions of this legislation, but for more information on unemployment or job creation, please visit [my website](#).

- Extends the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) and Extended Benefits programs through November 30, 2010
- Retroactively restores benefits to people who may have started losing their benefits as early as the end of May
- Injects demand into the economy, with every dollar in unemployment benefits creating at least \$1.63 in economic activity

The next step in extending unemployment benefits is action in the Senate. I encourage you to contact Senators Casey and Specter with your views on this matter. Please know that I will continue to fight to help those that need it most in these tough economic times. If you have any questions about this or any issue, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert Brady  
Member of Congress



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